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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES PROMPT RESPONSE (REF C) TO INQUIRY IN
REF (B). LIST OF PARTICIPATING US AGENCIES HAS BEEN PASSED ON TO
GOJ, BUT NO REACTION RECEIVED AS YET.

2. SCICOUNS HAS DISCUSSED FURTHER WITH MATSUURA HIS SUGGESTION
THAT AGREEMENT ON INITIATION OF OVERALL REVIEW BE ANNOUNCED
DURING FOREIGN MINISTER KIMURA'S WASHINGTON VISIT. MATSUURA
OBSERVED THAT IN VIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, HE IS NOW NO LONGER
CLEAR THAT KIMURA'S VISIT WOULD BE BEST OCCASION FOR ANNOUNCEMENT
OF OVERALL REVIEW. SPECIFICALLY, HE NOTED THAT PRIME MINISTER
TANAKA WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON SHORTLY AFTER KIMURA'S VISIT, WHILE
PRESIDENT FORD IS EXPECTED IN TOKYO BEFORE END OF YEAR. MATSUURA
DOES NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER TANAKA'S WASHINGTON VISIT AS APPROPRIATE
OCCASION FOR ANNOUNCEMENT, SINCE GOJ IS STRESSING THAT THIS VISIT
IS IN NATURE OF COURTESY CALL, AND THEY CONTEMPLATE NO JOINT
COMMUNIQUE OR OTHER OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. NEVERTHELESS,
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MATSUURA APPARENTLY FEELS THAT TANAKA VISIT, COMING SOON AFTER

KIMURA'S VISIT, MAKES FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT LESS SUITABLE
OCCASION FOR PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS.

3. MATSUURA NOTED THAT ONE SPECIFIC ACTION WHICH FONOFF IS
LIKELY TO RECOMMEND FOR INCLUSION IN KIMURA'S VISIT IS EXCHANGE
OF NOTES BRINGING US-JAPAN MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY INTO EFFECT.
IF THIS IS DONE, HE SEEMS INCLINED TO FEEL IT IS ENOUGH FOR
KIMURA'S VISIT, WITHOUT ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OVERALL REVIEW.
DEPT WILL BE INFORMED, PROBABLY THROUGH JAPANESE EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON, IF PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON MIGRATORY BIRD
TREATY IS MADE FIRM.

4. MATSUURA THEN RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING INITIATION

OF OVERALL REVIEW IN COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED ON OCCASION OF
PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO JAPAN. WHILE SUCH AUSPICES WOULD
OBVIOUSLY GIVE REVIEW BEST POSSIBLE SEND-OFF, EMBASSY HAS SOME
RESERVATIONS AS TO WHETHER AGREEMENT ON DETAILS AND INITIATION
OF REVIEW, WHICH IN FACT ARE ONLY IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT
REACHED AND ANNOUNCED AT AUGUST 73 SUMMIT MEETING, CONSTITUTE
SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH ACTION FOR TREATMENT DURING PRESIDENT FORD'S
VISIT. ANNOUNCEMENT AT THIS TIME WOULD ALSO INVOLVE DEFERRAL IN
INITIATION OF REVIEW WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE BE ACHIEVABLE. IN
THIS REGARD, MATSUURA SAID HE CONSIDERED OCTOBER TIMING FOR
FIRST REVIEW MEETING AS IMPOSSIBLE DUE TO VERY HEAVY COMMITMENTS OF
FIRST NORTH AMERICA DIVISION DURING THAT MONTH. HOWEVER,
IN EMBASSY VIEW, EARLY NOVEMBER START MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, IF
AGREEMENT REACHED AND ANNOUNCED IN SEPTEMBER.

5. IN SUMMARY, WHILE MATSUURA IS NOW LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC OVER
ANNOUNCEMENT OF OVERALL REVIEW DURING KIMURA'S VISIT, HE HAS NOT
RULED THIS POSSIBILITY OUT. EMBASSY IS INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT
MILEAGE FROM INITIATION OF REVIEW IS NOT AS GREAT AS MATSUURA
APPARENTLY SEES AND THAT THERE ARE ADVANTAGES IN PUSHING GOJ
FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE AGREEMENT ON AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF
INITIATION. ADDITIONAL FACTOR, ON WHICH WE LACK INFORMATION
HERE, MAY BE AVAILABILITY OF SENIOR US PANEL MEMBERS AND EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY AT VARIOUS TIME PERIODS.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON DESIRABLE TIMING TO PUSH
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FOR IN CONCLUDING AGREEMENT ON AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF OVERALL
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